

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:35pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Becky Hutchins – Excused
- Representative Marc Rhoades – Excused
- Representative Valdenia Winn – Excused
- Representative Kasha Kelley – Absent
- Representative Tom Burroughs, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

- Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
- Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
- Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
- Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Adam Seibers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Organization Meeting

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and welcomed Representative Kevin Jones, Representative Jarrod Ousley, Representative Becky Hutchins and Representative Kasha Kelley, who are new members of the committee. The Chairman explained that Ranking Minority Member Valdenia Winn has been excused through January 18th; Representative Tom Burroughs will substitute for her and Representative Ed Trimmer will fill the role of Ranking Minority Member in her absence. Chairman Highland asked the staff to introduce themselves and gave the committee assistant opportunity to comment to members about organizational matters.

The Chairman noted the need to provide a subcommittee member replacement in place of former Representative Carolyn Bridges; Representative Jarrod Ousley was appointed to take her place.

Committee members were asked to review the committee rules and time was given to assuring that each member could electronically function in accessing the committee documents in Dropbox.

KORA and KOMA Training

Tamera Lawrence and Adam Seibers addressed the committee on best practices of Dropbox use for

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committee documents, referencing the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). ([Attachment 1](#))

Mr. Seibers encouraged committee members to refrain from discussing the business of the committee outside committee meetings to avoid circumstances which could be considered a meeting. This includes use of the comment section of Dropbox. Ms. Lawrence and Mr. Seibers answered questions from the committee.

The Chairman asked for clarification of what constitutes a meeting; KOMA requires a majority of the members to be involved for a discussion to be considered a meeting.

Representative Trimmer asked for confirmation that committee members can download the Dropbox documents to their electronic devices and use them in taking personal notes. Mr. Seibers indicated this practice is acceptable and that an individual's documents are not subject to KORA.

Representative Hedke returned to the KOMA requirement that a majority of the committee be involved to constitute a meeting and asked if that requirement referred to a majority of the committee as a whole or to a majority of one party's members; it refers to the majority of the committee as a whole.

Chairman Highland made announcements and invited members to contact him if they would like to be a sponsor of the Teacher of the Year Resolution.

Representative Boldra asked if Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education, could be invited to present to the committee; that is being arranged.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet again at 1:30 pm. on Tuesday, January 13, 2016, in Room 112-N of the Capitol.